



## Did U Know?

Korea marched under a single flag at the 27th Olympiad at Sydney, Australia, the first time in Olympic history, to a jubilant standing ovation. Despite such a display of unity, in fact, North Korea had boycotted the Games when Seoul, South Korea, hosted the summer games in 1988.

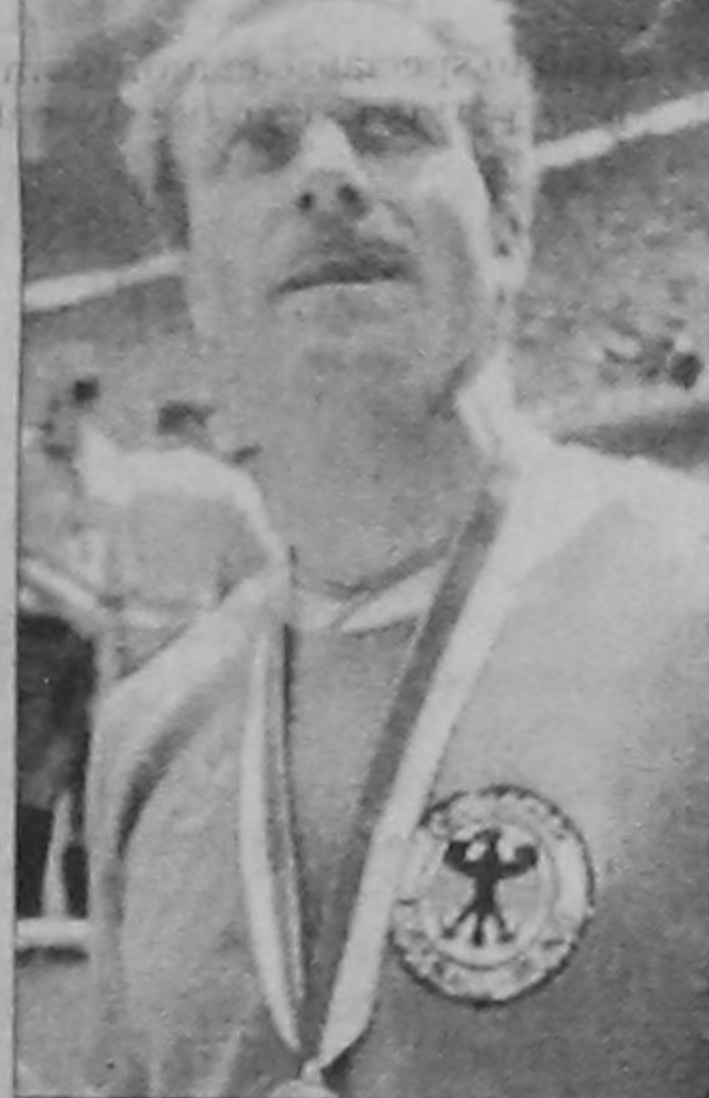


## What to WATCH

**ESPN**  
Serie A  
11:00 am  
UEFA Champions League  
Weekly Highlights  
1:00 pm  
Serie A  
Highlights  
7:30 pm  
Western Union World Football  
12:00 am (Tuesday)  
**Star Sports**  
Primera Liga  
Valladolid vs Deportivo  
8:30 am  
Harsha Online  
Cricket Talk Show  
11:00 pm



## TALK TURKEY



**Karl-Heinz Rummenigge**  
(Bayern Munich's vice-president)  
"This club is sexier than ever."  
After Bayern won the Champions League.

## Sports WHIZZ KID

**Competition 150**  
✓ Tick the correct answers  
Post to The Daily Star  
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Competition closes at 8 pm  
June 1, 2001 and draw  
shortly afterwards

- What was the result of the one-day international series between South Africa and West Indies?  
6-1 5-2 4-3
- Who became UEFA Cup champions?  
Arsenal Liverpool Alaves
- Who clinched the Standard Chartered National School Cricket title?  
New Model BKSJ Manikganj High
- Who lifted the Premier Division Cricket League title?  
Abahani MSC Biman
- Who holds the top position in the current FIFA World rankings?  
Brazil France Italy

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## Sirajganj cricket

**OUR CORRESPONDENT, Sirajganj**  
Rahmatganj Boys Club defeated Jagrota Sangsad Ekadashi by 30 runs in the Bhasani Smriti tournament at the Khan Shahcher field yesterday.  
Winning the toss, Rahmatganj decided to bat first and collected 110 runs all out in 25 overs.  
In reply, Jagrota were all out for 80 runs in 21.4 overs.

## Holdings held

### Football

SPORTS REPORTER

Holders Abahani were forced to share points by a spirited Farashganj Sporting Club when their opening Group A match of the second phase in the Nitel White Cement 17th Federation Cup ended in a goalless draw at the Bangabandhu National Stadium yesterday.

The popular Dhanmondi-based club dominated the entire 90 minutes and created more than half a dozen scoring chances, but they found Farashganj custodian Biplob Bhattacharya in no mood to offer any charity.

The national number two keeper, who was forced to leave his former club this season because of the 'so-called' pool system, pulled off at least three superb saves.

Biplab's first action was to fist away young midfielder Bidyut's shot for a corner in the 30th minute.

Later he then punched Nigerian Peter Shikaan's free kick in the 64th minute that went for another corner. And in the final minute of the game he thwarted a dazzling volley from new Abahani skipper Arman.

Apart from that set piece, Shikaan playing his first match in the Dhaka league, was quite goal-shy.

The young Nigerian striker after missing a close range chance from a corner in the 9th minute, wasted two more in the injury time in front of at least 15,000 loyal supporters.

On the other hand, Farashganj should have gone hand the lead after only 30 seconds of the start.

Experienced striker Jalal trying to decide how to score with goal at

his mercy, allowed Abahani defender Tito to retrieve the ball.

**Yellow cards:** Badal and Chandan (Farashganj).

**TEAMS**

**Abahani:** Apel, Nazrul, Tito, Sujan, Dulal (Hasan), Iqbal, Arman.

Tanveer (Ritu/Asad), Bidyut, Kanchan and Shikaan.

**Farashganj SC:** Biplob, Shafi, Sohail Rana, Showkat, Badal, Chandan, Askar Babu, Sabbir (Kallol), Mithu, Jalal and Amin Rana (Amirul).

Referee: Ramkrishna Ghosh.



Abahani's new Nigerian forward Shikaan Peter(C) is checked by a Farashganj defender during their Federation Cup Robin League clash at the Bangabandhu National Stadium on Sunday.

## BHF calls up 16

SPORTS REPORTER

The Bangladesh Hockey Federation (BHF) yesterday named a 16-member national youth (under-18) team to take part in the Youth Asia Cup in Ipoh, Malaysia from June 1.

Although, it was earlier confirmed that nine nations would compete in the meet, but in an emergency decision on Saturday, the Asian Hockey Federation (AHF) has included Chinese Taipei to make it a ten-team tournament.

Taipei join Bangladesh, Japan, Korea and Uzbekistan in Group B. The other group features Brunei, India, Oman, Singapore and hosts Malaysia.

The team is expected to leave for the Malaysian town on May 30. In their opening match Bangladesh play Japan on June 2.

### SQUAD

AKM Shamsuddin, Russelluddin, Golam Shahriar, Maksud Alam, Mamun Hossain, Mazharul Islam, Abdur Rahman, Hedayetul Islam Khan, Towfiqul Islam, Zahidul Islam, Mahbub Alam Rony, Mahbubullah Chowdhury, Shamim Reza, Ashrafur Islam, Towhidur Rahman and Yameen Hossain.

Officials: Shamsul Bari (team leader), Alhaj Monwar Hossain (manager), York Schumacher (coach), Barkatullah (assistant coach) and Abdur Rashid Khan (umpire).

## Prabhakar a wanted man

REUTERS, New Delhi

Indian police said on Saturday they had issued a warrant for the arrest of banned test cricketer Manoj Prabhakar for his alleged involvement in a financial scandal.

Prabhakar, who was banned last year by India's national cricket board for five years for alleged involvement in a match-fixing scandal, was accused in May last year of being involved in a financial scam worth several thousand dollars.

He has denied any wrongdoing.

"We have issued a non-bailable warrant for Prabhakar and have sent it to the Delhi police, who will execute it," A.K. Sharan, director general of police for the northern state of Uttaranchal, where the case was registered, told Reuters over telephone.

The police report was registered in Haldwani by several investors who alleged they had been swindled of money invested in a company, they said was partly run by Prabhakar.

Prabhakar was unavailable for comment and his office told Reuters the former player was out of town for the "last three or four days."

Last year Prabhakar and another test player Ajay Jadhava were banned from the game for five years while former captain Mohammad Azharuddin and Ajay Sharma were banned for life following an investigation by the Indian board into a federal report on cricket match-fixing.

All the players have denied the charges and Jadhava and Azharuddin have challenged their ban in court.

## Waqar, Wasim endorse step

REUTERS, London

Pakistan cricket captain Waqar Younis has welcomed India's decision to take part in the Asian Test Championship in September.

Waqar, currently leading the side on a two-Test series in England, said he was delighted the Indian government had not blocked its Test team from travelling to Pakistan for the first time in 12 years.

"I have been looking forward to playing India in Pakistan for two or three years," he said. "It's a welcome decision by the Indian government. It's good for Asian cricket."

Former Pakistan captain Wasim Akram, also on tour in England, added: "The Indian government has now realised that sport and politics should be kept apart. It's for the sake of millions of cricket fans from both countries."



**17th Federation Cup Football Tournament**  
Muktijoddha Sangsad v Rahmatganj MFS (4 pm)  
Mohammedan SC v Prantik KC (6 pm)  
(Bangabandhu National Stadium)

## Arambagh defeat Badda

### Football

SPORTS REPORTER

Last year's surprise package Arambagh Krira Sangha got off to a sound start in the Nitel White Cement 17th Federation Cup with a 2-0 win over Badda Jagarani Sangsad in their second round Group A opener at the Bangabandhu National Stadium on Sunday.

In a keenly-contested match where both teams displayed a

good brand of football, strikers Anwarul Karim Sohel and Saiful Islam scored in each half.

In last year's competition the Motijheel club reached the semi-finals.

First Division Badda Jagarani tried their best to match their counterparts, but Arambagh proved too tough on day and so ran out comfortable winners.

Midfielder Rezaul Karim Liton, one of Arambagh's two pool players, controlled the game.

The talented playmaker, who left Premier Division champions



Arambagh midfielder Monir comes under a tackle from a Badda Jagarani defender during their Federation Cup fixture on Sunday.

Muktijoddha Sangsad this year, demonstrated several times his pin-point passing and ball distribution.

In fact he set up the first goal with a neat cross to Sohel from the left flank in the 31st minute.

And the all young striker had to do was head home from three yards.

Saiful, Arambagh's other new face, doubled the margin in the 70th minute after being nicely fed by Kamruzzaman.

A through pass from midfield, had the former Abahani player make a run down the left side and dodge past goalkeeper Munna. The winners had two other great opportunities to increase the margin but Saiful could not find the target.

Badda, led by national midfielder Zulfiqar Mahmud Mintu, also created as many as four good chances in the match to score. But they too were let down by poor finishing.

Arambagh play Farashganj in their next match tomorrow while Badda meet Abahani later on.

**Yellow cards:** Khokon and Sohel (Arambagh).

**TEAMS**

**Arambagh KS:** Himu, Jahangir, Amin, Shahin, Kamruzzaman, Kamal, Khokon, Liton, Monir, Sohel and Saiful.

**Badda Jagarani:** Munna, Riad, Anupam, Nazrul, Bakhtiar, Mintu, Nurul, Azim (Mashuk), Pranotosh (Kochi), Walid and Uzzal.  
Referee: Golam Mustafa.

## Knight to the rescue

### Cricket

AGENCIES, London

Warwickshire left-hander Nick Knight was rewarded on Sunday for his impressive early-season form with a recall to the England team.

Knight replaces injured captain Nasser Hussain in the squad for the second and final test against Pakistan starting at Old Trafford on Thursday.

Hussain broke his right thumb trying to avoid a bouncer from Shoaib Akhtar in the first test and is out of all cricket for the next month.

Knight was chosen ahead of other experienced players like John Crawley of Lancashire and Surrey's Mark Ramprakash, who was expected to end his year-long wait for another opportunity following his controversial switch from Middlesex to the county champions during the winter.

Yorkshire left-arm seamer Ryan Sidebottom, who performed impressively on his Test debut during the innings victory over Pakistan at Lord's even though he finished wicketless, fails to retain his place because of the return to fitness of Headingley teammate Matthew Hoggard after a back problem.

Knight has not played for England since breaking his right index finger in the momentous victory

over West Indies at Lord's last year. He has been in prolific form this season, averaging more than 50 in the county championship.

In our discussions about a replacement batsman for Nasser, there were a number of outstanding candidates to choose from in particular younger players such as Owais Shah and Usman Alfaal, said chairman of selectors, David Graveney.

"In this instance, however,



**NICK KNIGHT**  
with Ian Ward having only just made his debut, we decided to go for a more experienced player and we considered Mark Ramprakash and John Crawley as well as Nick Knight.

Our decision to pick Nick was

based on the fact that he has been in outstanding form for Warwickshire this season, has batted in the middle order for England before and has also scored a Test hundred against Pakistan.

Injured trio Hussain, Ashley Giles (Achilles tendon) and Craig White (back) will all be at the practice sessions in Manchester, which begin on Tuesday afternoon, but none will be selected.

Glamorgan off-spinner Robert Croft is again in the squad but with Old Trafford in particular suffering a wet start to the summer, he may well be left out when England choose the side later in the week.

At this stage, the more likely option is that we will play seven batsmen and the four best bowlers, but our final decision will depend on an assessment of the pitch and local weather conditions," added Graveney.

Although he opens in one-day international cricket, Knight will bat down the order if he makes the final eleven.

Glamorgan off-spinner Robert Croft, omitted at Lord's, has been retained in the squad but could be left out again.

Only one day's cricket has been possible at Manchester's Old Trafford this season after an exceptionally wet spring and England could again opt to play all their batsmen and rely on Michael Vaughan to provide any off-spin that is needed.

The side will be captained by Alec Stewart, who led England after Michael Atherton resigned in 1998. Stewart was in turn replaced by Hussain after England's unimpressive performance at the 1999 World Cup.

**England:** Michael Atherton, Marcus Trescothick, Michael Vaughan, Graham Thorpe, Ian Ward, Nick Knight, Alec Stewart (captain), Dominic Cork, Robert Croft, Andrew Caddick, Darren Gough, Matthew Hoggard

## Summer Games end Akkelpur clinch football title

UNB, Dhaka

Akkelpur Upazila of Joypurhat district under Rajshahi Division emerged champions in the football competition of the National Summer Games for boys and girls of 12-16 that concluded here on Saturday.

The Akkelpur beat Khulna by a solitary goal in the final at the Mohammadpur Physical Education College (MPEC) ground. Golam Kibria Ripon netted the match-winner.

In the final of the kabaddi competition, Gafarganj of Mymensingh clinched the title beating Dinaipur by 52-42 points at the same venue.

Mirpur upazila in Kushtia district secured first position in swimming competition in seven out of nine events with Shariful Islam clinching first position in four events.



**IMRAN KHAN**

## Miles to go

### Cricket

AGENCIES, Lahore

Stamping out corruption in cricket is a marathon task, the ICC's anti-corruption unit chief Sir Paul Condon said on Saturday.

"This is not a 100 metres dash. It is a marathon in which we are engaged," he told reporters.

Those of us who love the game of cricket are convinced that the situation will improve but it can't be done overnight.

"My honest belief is that all the cricket boards must... work together to deal with the this problem."

Condon was giving his first news conference since his interim report on match-fixing was released last Wednesday.

He said on Saturday: "We do believe that a small amount of match-fixing is still happening in a number of parts of the world."

"During the last year, much of the match-fixing has stopped but still a small number of cricketers are involved in malpractice."

However, he expressed hope that when the 2003 World Cup in would be held in South Africa, corruption in the game would be

reduced.

"Complete elimination of malpractices in the game is not possible but I hope it would be reduced considerably by the next World Cup," he said after meeting with Pakistan Cricket Board chairman Lieutenant General Taqir Zia.

Condon also met with Justice Malik Muhammad Qayyum, who conducted a probe into match

fixing in Pakistani cricket.

Qayyum's commission banned former skipper Salim Malik and pacer Atiqur Rehman for life in May last year and fined Wasim Akram, Waqar Younis, Saeed Anwar, Inzamam-ul-Haq, Mushtaq Ahmed and Akram Raza.

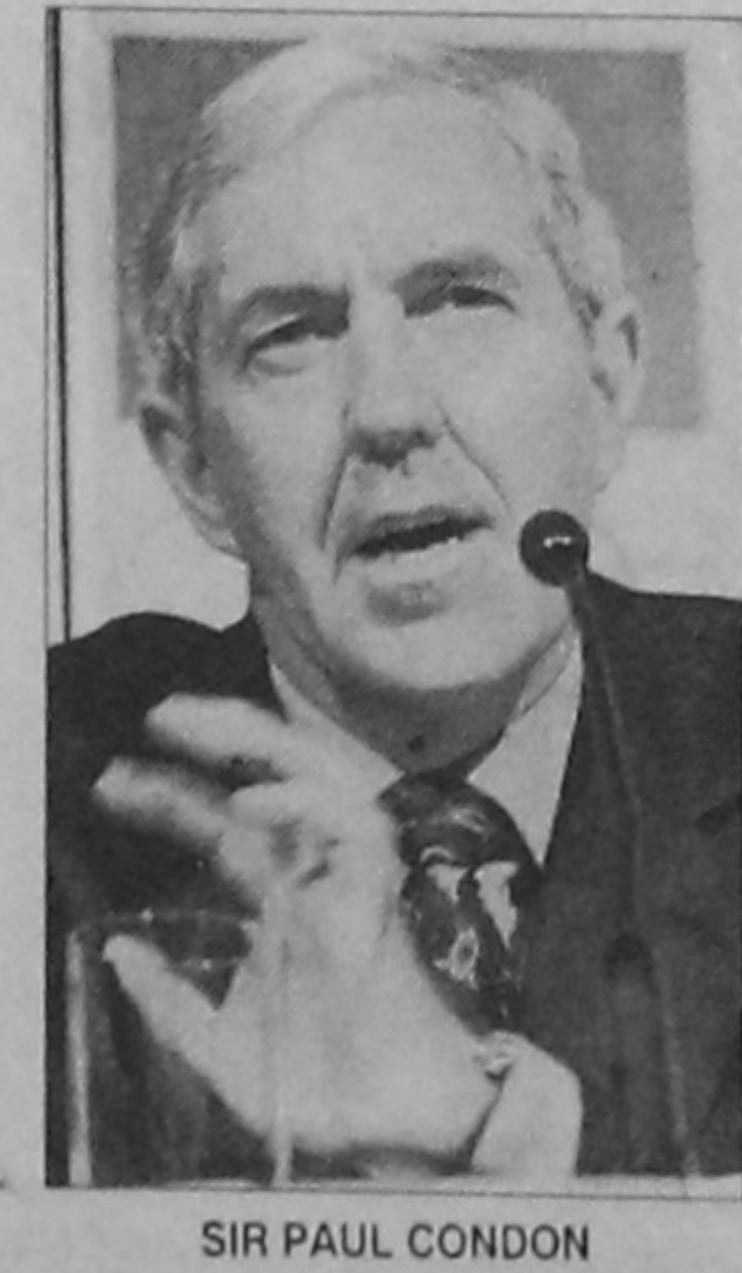
The ACU chief's 35-page report released on Wednesday said cricket remains in the grip of match-fixers who could resort to murder, kidnap and threats to keep a lid on the sport's greatest scandal.

It said match-fixing was rife even after life bans were imposed on three former captains -- Hansie Cronje of South Africa, Mohammad Azharuddin of India and Salim Malik of Pakistan.

Condon said Qayyum's probe along with similar reports concerning South African cricket and criminal investigations in India and England helped him in compiling his own report.

He said his recommendations would be discussed next month by the ICC executive board and their implementation would go a long way to curbing this menace to the sport.

He said there was a need for greater vigilance by the respective



**SIR PAUL CONDON**